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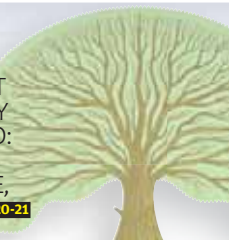
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FRANCIS A POPE OF FIRSTS

Newly elected Pope Francis waves to the waiting crowd from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica Wednesday in Vatican City. Argentinian Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio was elected as the 266th pontiff and the first Pope from the Americas. More coverage, pages 4 & 12. PETER MACDIARMID/GETTY IMAGES

U of A refutes 20 per cent faculty cut

Post-secondary. NDP critic reveals leaked email from university's dean of education



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In the face of a leaked memo from the University of Alberta's dean of education, school officials are refuting a rumoured plan to cut some faculties up to 20 per cent, and an expectation faculties "earn back" 10 per cent more in funding.

Alberta NDP enterprise and advanced education critic Rachel Notley revealed the leaked email from the University of Alberta's dean of education, just days after a \$147-million cut to post-secondary

education in the Alberta budget tabled March 7.

"This is going to mean very serious reductions in the quality of education received by students in our flagship post-secondary institution," said Notley.

But Deb Hammacher, associate vice-president for university relations, said the notion of a 20 per cent cut to faculties as an actual plan is false.

"No department or faculty has been targeted for a cut of any kind at this point, beyond the 1.5 per cent that had been announced months ago, when we expected the two per cent increase," Hammacher told Metro.

"The exercise described in the memo is simply an exercise in generating big ideas and stimulating creative thinking."

The memo from dean of education Fern Snart states, "Each dean has been asked to

submit, by the end of March, a plan for the Faculty that will involve a 20-per-cent budget reduction — for the 2014-16 period. We are also to submit a plan for resource generation that will 'earn back' 10 per cent."

Petros Kusmu, vice-president external at University of Alberta Students' Union, said he is disappointed the university is looking for ideas on this rather than spending time trying to decrease administration expenses.

"The institution is brainstorming ways to increase the cost of students and decreasing the quality, resulting in students to pay more for less."

Kusmu said it was clear the government wanted institutions to work with each other to decrease costs, not raise student costs.

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Students brave chilly sleeps for a good cause



Cameron McCoy, from left, Cina Gross, Pierce Brindza and Ellisha Sharma are participating in this year's 5 Days for the Homeless. CONTRIBUTED

It will feel like -21 C overnight on Thursday.

That means four Grant MacEwan University students and seven University of Alberta students are in for a cold experience when they sleep outside as part of 5 Days for the Homeless, an event to raise both awareness and donations.

The event started at 5 p.m. Sunday and will wrap up at 5 p.m. Friday. Money raised will

go to Youth Empowerment & Support Services (YESS).

"This is to raise money for YESS ... but we are also doing this to raise students' or faculty's or the public's eyebrows," said Ellisha Sharma, chair of the Grant MacEwan event.

All participants attend classes, but have to stay outside from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. with no computers, cellphones or showers. Only donated food can be eaten.

"It's been an adjustment," said Maryna Vysotski, chair of the U of A event. "But we have sleeping bags and pillows.... There are kids worse off than us, people that have it worse than us."

Grant MacEwan is nearly halfway to its \$25,000 goal, while the U of A has nearly reached its \$30,000 goal. Donations will be collected until March 31 at 5days.ca.

HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO

Annexation bid. Leduc to fight back

Mayor Stephen Mandel said the city has a strong case for its annexation bid and will work with Leduc County to avoid a confrontational annexation.

Mandel's comments come as the mayor of Leduc County released a letter suggesting the county would not accept the annexation without a fight.

Mandel said he is eager to avoid confrontation on the issue, but believes the city will have a strong case.

"That's the most logical place for us to grow," he said.

Leduc County Mayor Jon Whaley said his community planned to grow into the land Edmonton wants, and the municipal government act recognizes it has that right.

"It says every municipality has the right to grow — every municipality. That's us as well as them," Whaley said.

The letter going to county residents argues that Edmonton's interest in the land is less about what the city needs and more about the city trying to control growth in the region.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Council backpedals on late-night transit

Rough ride. Mayor says pilot program will have to compete with other transportation priorities in budget

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City councillors gave late-night transit a rough ride on Wednesday, and the idea will now compete with all possible improvements to the system.

A proposal to bring late-night service went before the city's transportation committee, but Mayor Stephen Mandel said he couldn't support the plan.

"I think there are many priorities that are much more important than late-night service," he said.

Mandel also said it's hard to run a pilot program around late-night service.

"Anything in transit, you

Pilot program

The proposed pilot program was to start in September with five routes heading out from downtown and Old Strathcona.

- Running the routes for three months would cost \$477,000; \$1.2 million until August 2014; and \$1.6 million until December 2014.

have to be prepared to put it on long term or not put it on at all," he argued.

Coun. Amarjeet Sohi supported the initiative, but proposed having a full list of transit priorities come forward for debate.

"I think late-night transit will eventually happen. What we are looking for is identifying all of the needs of public transit," he said. "We need to look at the whole package in a broader, more holistic way."



A pilot program for late-night transit will have to compete with other transit priorities when council re-examines the budget this year. METRO FILE



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Father Stefano Penna of Newman Theological College says he felt overwhelmed to hear of the election of the new Pope. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

Smiles, cheers greet new Pope

Francis and the faithful. Edmonton's Catholics gather to watch proceedings from Vatican

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Edmonton Catholics are reacting with surprise and excitement to the new Pope,

who represents a host of firsts for the church.

Several local Catholics gathered at the Edmonton Archdiocese Wednesday and watched a live feed from Rome on a big-screen television as Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina, now Pope Francis, became leader of the world's 1.2 billion Catholics.

Smiles, prayers and shouts of "Viva il Papa" erupted in the Edmonton common room following the Pope's first words of Italian to those

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"We've been waiting to see who our new father figure would be. I think this will unfold in a remarkable way."

Father Stefano Penna, upon learning of newly elected Pope Francis of Argentina

gathered in St. Peter's Square.

"I'm completely and utterly bowled over," said Father Stefano Penna of Newman Theological College. "This is a surprise. He's known as an

extremely simple man. I'm overwhelmed."

Others said they were glad the Pope was the first from South America and the first from outside Europe in more

than a millennium.

"I wish there was a North American connection, but at least they took the proceedings out of Europe," said Sharon Woolston.

Bishop Gregory Bittman said he was hoping the new Pope would be Canadian, but after seeing Francis speak on television he wasn't disappointed with the result of the papal conclave.

"I got a real sense that this is an exceptional human," he said.

Caution

Police warn of violent offender

Edmonton police issued a warning Wednesday about a violent offender recently released from the Grand Cache Institution.

According to police, Ian Francis Rain, 30, has served three years and eight months for robbery, assault and assault causing bodily harm.

He will be living in the Edmonton area and monitored by the behavioural assessment unit of EPS. **METRO**



Ian Francis Rain
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Court

Man not criminally responsible for jail death, says ruling

A judge has found a schizophrenic man not criminally responsible for the stomping death of an inmate at an Edmonton jail.

The ruling came Tuesday in the case of Justin Somers, who had been charged with second-degree murder in the beating at the Edmonton Remand Centre.

Somers, 27, had been deemed in a psychiatric assessment as a possible risk to other people.

Somers' trial was told the accused stomped on the victim's head 26 times before he was stopped by guards. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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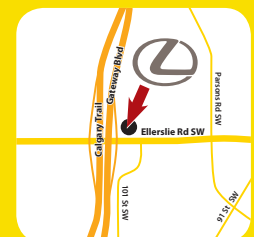
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City pushes forward on pothole repair plan

'Frustrating.'
Mayor calls out administration for not considering program originally

City councillors took the first step toward approving a grinding and paving program

to address city potholes, but Mayor Stephen Mandel wanted to know why the program wasn't budgeted to begin with.

Council's transportation committee signed off on a \$12-million plan that would see the city hit some of the most heavily potholed areas.

Mayor Stephen Mandel said he was frustrated the city was only adding the program in

after the fact.

"It is very, very frustrating that, knowing the success of the grind and fill, that you guys would not put it in the budget," he said.

Brice Stephenson, manager of transportation services, conceded the mayor's point and said it should have been something council had a chance to consider.

"This one falls squarely to

the administration for not providing the answer you need," he said. "We need to have the opportunity to give you the story."

The roadways that will see repairs if council approves the plan later this month include portions of 50th Street, Connors Road, Prince Elizabeth Avenue, Mill Woods Road and Grierson Hill.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO



The city will do grinding and paving work in the spring, where potholes have done so much damage that simply filling them is insufficient. METRO FILE

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The Alberta Liberal Opposition is working to break this resource cycle with a new 30-year "Greenprint for the Future". But first we want to hear from you.

Send us *your* ideas. Contact Raj Sherman, Laurie Blakeman, David Swann, Darshan Kang and Kent Hehr at: liberal.correspondence@assembly.ab.ca

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Roadway

Council keeps status quo on 112 Avenue

Four lanes of 112 Avenue will continue to cut through the Highlands neighbourhood, after city councillors rejected the community's call for a lane reduction.

In line with a planned rebuild of the roadway, administration considered cutting the road to three lanes but, after a study, recommended the status

quo.

Community members pleaded with councillors to change that recommendation to slow traffic in their neighbourhood.

"If it were wider and traffic was going that much faster it would only divide the community further," said Susan Petrina-Prettie, head of the Highlands community league.

Administration and businesses both argued that a reduction to three lanes would cause traffic chaos.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Historic. Former city library director, 91, returns to celebrate institution's 100th

When Morton Coburn applied to become the chief librarian of the Edmonton Public Library in 1956, he was 34 years old.

The Chicago native and Second World War veteran didn't expect to get the job, let alone be a guest at celebrations this week that marked EPL's 100th anniversary Wednesday.

"I guess it proves if you live long enough, good things will happen," the 91-year-old said with a laugh.

Coburn is one of many people that were instrumental in helping build the EPL along the way, and he was invited to celebrate due to the 16 integral years he spent with the library.

"It certainly was the beginning of a new phase," he said.

Coburn had a hand in getting six libraries built in Edmonton, including the Centennial Library (now the Milner). He also worked to update the card catalogue, and increase the breadth and depth of the book collection.

After leaving Edmonton in 1972, he got a job as dir-



Morton Coburn, former director of the Edmonton Public Library.

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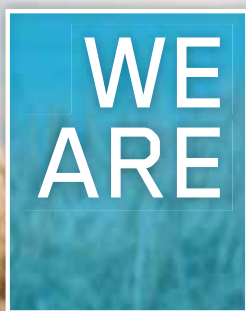
Former Edmonton Public Library director Morton Coburn

ector of library building projects with the Chicago Public Library — where he still works today.

"Libraries have been my life."

For an in-depth profile on Coburn, visit metronews.ca.

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Citizens donate more than \$13K during penny campaign



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They may only be worth one cent, but when you put 1.3 million pennies together it adds up to so much more.

The Edmonton Food Bank's Pennies for People campaign wrapped up on March 4, and the total amount of money raised was announced on Wednesday: \$13,118.37.

"People have been so engaged and generous," said Marjorie Bencz, executive director of the Edmonton Food Bank.

Bencz said when the campaign was launched on Jan. 4, hopes were that a few thousand dollars would be raised.

Instead, pennies poured into the organization's warehouse in coffee cans, socks, Ziploc bags, sacks, backpacks, piggy banks, decorative bottles and Tupperware.

All 22 Servus Credit Union branches in the city also accepted penny donations for the cause.

On his way to Servus Credit Union's Ellerslie Crossing branch for Wednesday's announcement, MP Laurie Hawn found three more pennies to donate to



Clockwise from top left: Edmonton Food Bank executive director Marjorie Bencz, volunteer Jim Robinson, MP Laurie Hawn and Servus Credit Union's Taras Nohas show off some of the 100,000 pennies (\$1,000 worth) that Robinson rolled between Feb. 14 and Wednesday's announcement of the final amount of money raised during the food bank's penny campaign. HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO

the cause.

"I even washed them," he said with a laugh.

On Feb. 4, the Royal Canadian Mint stopped distributing the coins, which is why many local organizations, such as the Edmonton Food

Bank, took up collecting them.

"What this means is \$13,000 worth of food for Edmontonians in need," Hawn said. "It made a lot of cents — c-e-n-t-s — and it made a lot of sense — s-e-n-s-e."

It's not too late!

- Penny donations are still being accepted at the Edmonton Food Bank, even though the official campaign is over. Bring them loose or rolled to the warehouse, at 11508-120 St., Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. through 4 p.m.

Parking concerns. City to review some of its bike lanes

Construction of some of the city's 23 kilometres of proposed bike lanes will go ahead this year, but city councillors sent some lanes back to the drawing board.

Councillors voted to ask administration to do more consultation on projects on 76 Avenue and 121 Avenue, where residents are concerned about a loss of parking.

Council on Wednesday heard from 20 people about the proposed lanes, many of them residents along 76 Avenue who would lose parking.

Mary Kosh, a senior, said the loss of parking would have a huge impact. "I would have never bought a home if I thought I could not park on the front street," she said.

Mayor Stephen Mandel urged people to keep an open mind about bike lanes.

"We need to be consultative, and not dictatorial, and I think sometimes when we do this we put up a sign that says 'Bike lanes will go here.'"

Duncan Kinney, president of the Edmonton Bicycle Commuters' Society, said losing some lanes was a setback, but his group wants to work with citizens.

"The cycling community is willing to work with communities, with homeowners, with businesses that are affected by this to get the best infrastructure that works for us and them." **RYAN TUMILTY/METRO**

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Dr. May Mrochuk is a flight physician with STARS. The new helicopter at the EIA's medevac base has more space for the nurse/paramedic team to work in what she calls the "intensive care/ER of the sky." LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

New medevac base opens Friday at EIA

State-of-the-art facility. Emergency service for northern residents moves from city centre airport

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As it opened up the facility to the media Wednesday, the government promised the new medevac centre at the international airport will provide excellent care to patients from the north.

Health Minister Fred Horne said it's the province's response to the city's decision to close the city centre airport, calling the new 3,600-square-metre facility a state-of-the-art medevac base that will offer rapid, reliable and safe emergency care.

Addressing concerns that

the new base is further away from tertiary care hospitals, Horne promised there would be no compromise in patient care.

On-site ambulance and access to the STARS helicopter housed next door means the same quick access to urgent care for critical patients, he said.

"This facility has been over a year in the making. Quality and safety trump all," said Horne.

The medevac base features a six-bed transition area for stable patients, in-hangar transfer from airplane to ambulance, and on-site EMS staff.

Dr. May Mrochuk, flight

physician and associate medical director for STARS, said the space offers room for the new STARS helicopter, a high-tech "ER in the sky" that can fly further, faster, and even in bad weather, thanks to new de-icing technology.

"We're still dedicated to patient care — now we have more room to provide that care," she said.

An estimated 80 per cent of the 3,000 patients flown to Edmonton each year via fixed-wing air ambulance are non-emergent, according to AHS.

About five cases a month requiring urgent care will continue to be flown to city hospital via STARS helicopter.

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Hail the humble Pope

'Good evening.' After one of the fastest conclaves in years, an ecstatic world greets the new man in the Vatican

Habemus Papam — We have a pope!

A cacophony of welcome swept the world on Wednesday after Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina was elected Pope in a conclave that ended with astonishing speed.

"Brothers and sisters, good evening," the new Pope Francis — looking stunned — said shyly from the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica to wild cheers.

"You know that the work of the conclave is to give a bishop to Rome," he went on.

"It seems as if my brother cardinals went to find him from the end of the Earth, but here we are. Thank you for the welcome."

Bergoglio, 76, becomes the first pontiff from the Americas and the first from



The euphoria: Cheers ring out from the crowd in St. Peter's Square in Rome as white smoke is sighted rising from the Sistine Chapel's chimney. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

outside Europe in more than a millennium.

And by choosing the name Francis, he associates himself with the humble 13th-century Italian preacher who lived a life of poverty.

Across the planet, Latin Americans burst into tears and jubilation at the news that the region, which counts

40 per cent of the world's Catholics, finally had a pope to call its own.

"It's a huge gift for all of Latin America. We waited 20 centuries. It was worth the wait," said Jose Antonio Cruz, a Franciscan friar in the Old San Juan district in Puerto Rico.

Elected on the fifth ballot,

Francis was chosen in one of the fastest conclaves in years.

Tens of thousands of people who braved cold rain to watch the smokestack atop the Sistine Chapel jumped in joy when white smoke poured out, many shouting "Habemus Papam!" or "We have a pope!"

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A cleric who cares. New Pope often rode the bus and helped the destitute

As a cardinal, Jorge Mario Bergoglio — the new Pope — rode the bus and visited the poor.

He was known all over Argentina for caring for the destitute.

Bergoglio was born in December 1936 in Buenos Aires, one of five children of an Italian railway worker.

He had a lung removed when he was a teenager due to an infection.

He studied chemistry and then philosophy at university before teaching literature and psychology in Argentina.

He joined the Jesuit order in 1958 before being ordained a priest in 1969.

From 1973 to 1979 he served as the Jesuit provincial in Argentina, then in 1980 became the rector of the seminary where he studied.

He served there until 1986, after which he completed his doctorate in Germany and returned to

Argentina.

He was appointed Buenos Aires city archbishop in February 1998 and made cardinal by John Paul II in February 2001.

Bergoglio created new parishes, restructured administrative offices and began new pastoral projects, helping to recover the church's traditional political influence in society.

He has also been critical of Argentina's decision to legalize gay marriage in 2010. METRO WORLD NEWS



Jorge Bergoglio regularly visited the slums of Argentina's capital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Putin hopes to revive Stalin-era school-fitness testing

Russia. Program's early focus was on preparing students for service in Red Army

Russian President Vladimir Putin called Wednesday for the revival of a Soviet-era physical-evaluation program that required all schoolchildren to pass fitness tests.

GTO, the Russian acronym for Ready for Labour and Defence, was introduced in 1931 under Soviet dictator Josef Stalin's rule. It required all school and university students to regularly pass

physical-training tests. Those managing to qualify would receive silver- or gold-coloured badges.

In its early years, the GTO program focused heavily on tests intended to make children ready for Red Army service. The program gradually lost its scope and prestige over the years and ceased to exist with the 1991 Soviet collapse. Since then, schools have largely been left on their own regarding physical education.

Putin said that Russia needs to pay more attention to physical training because it lags behind other countries. He said that Russian children now are in "significantly worse" physical shape compared to a few decades ago.

Putin is a judo enthusiast and regular swimmer.

He said that the training standards must be flexible. "They shouldn't be too high, to avoid driving people into a heart attack," he said, according to Russian news agencies.

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Russian President Vladimir Putin and actor Steven Seagal speak to an athlete as they visit a new sports arena in Moscow on Wednesday.
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Sexism. North Korea hurls insult at female president

North Korea's first public, senior-level mention of South Korea's first female president ended up being a sexist jab. The body that controls North Korea's military complained Wednesday about the "venomous swish" of her skirt.

The term is often used to describe aggressive women, such as micromanaging housewives.

But despite that swipe and rhetoric from Pyongyang threatening nuclear war, President Park Geun-hye is sticking by her vow to reach out to North Korea and to send humanitarian aid.

North Korea has a history of



South Korean President Park Geun-hye
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sexist comments. Before she became president, a poem carried by a government site described Park as a "dirty prostitute" who pulls up her skirt in front of the U.S. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brazil

Doctor arrested in fake-finger fraud

A doctor in Sao Paulo was arrested after being caught using fake fingers made of silicone and imprinted with real fingerprints to defraud a hospital's biometric punch-in clock, according

to the Brazilian newspaper O Globo.

Police told the paper the suspect confessed to using fake fingers bearing the prints of 11 fellow doctors and 20 nurses to help his colleagues pretend they were showing up to work for five overnight shifts each month instead of just one. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Garneau drops out, supports Trudeau

Federal Liberal leadership. 'I cannot mathematically win,' former contender says

Marc Garneau dropped out of the federal Liberal leadership race on Wednesday and threw his support to front-runner Justin Trudeau, declaring the outcome "a fait accompli."

The Montreal MP's decision followed an internal poll conducted by his campaign last week, which Garneau said showed Trudeau has the backing of 72 per cent of Liberal members and supporters.

Garneau said he was a "solid second" with 15 per cent, followed by Vancouver MP Joyce Murray with just over seven per cent and former Toronto MP Martha Hall Findlay with just over five per cent.

"I have done my numbers. I cannot mathematically — and I'm a person who believes



MP Marc Garneau
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in math — I cannot mathematically win," Garneau told a news conference.

"I'm not into denial. The numbers indicate very clearly that Justin is the overwhelming favourite."

However, Murray said she puts no stock in Garneau's survey, the methodology of which her camp finds highly suspect. She said it won't influence her decision to con-

tinue her campaign, which has enjoyed a late burst of momentum.

Garneau's automated phone poll asked 6,000 Liberal supporters and members to indicate whether they favoured Garneau, Trudeau, Hall Findlay or Murray.

It was not a survey of registered voters.

Murray said she was surprised by Garneau's decision to endorse Trudeau, given that he has repeatedly said a coronation is not in the party's best interests and has accused the front-runner of lacking policy depth, experience and leadership credentials.

Worried that some 100,000 people who didn't provide email addresses — the bulk of whom are Trudeau supporters — will be disenfranchised, the front-runner is seeking a one-week extension of Thursday's registration deadline. The Murray, Hall Findlay and Martin Cauchon camps oppose an extension. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Pipeline is in U.S.'s interest: Prentice

Keystone XL. Remarks follow a New York Times editorial urging President Obama to reject the pipeline

Former Conservative cabinet minister Jim Prentice says the Keystone XL oil pipeline is in

the U.S. national interest and that President Barack Obama should let it be built.

The speech by Prentice, now a senior executive at CIBC, stresses the importance of the Canada-U.S. relationship and argues the two countries must work together to achieve North American energy independence.

"Stated simply, I am strongly of the view that President

Obama should approve the Keystone XL pipeline on the basis that it is in the national interest of the United States," he told the Financial Times Forum in New York.

"I say this because North America is accelerating towards a future of energy independence and the Canadian oilsands are an essential part of the North American energy marketplace."

A draft environmental report into the \$5.3-billion pipeline released by the U.S. State Department earlier this month flagged no major environmental concerns with the project and said it was unlikely to affect the pace of oilsands development or U.S. oil consumption.

It will be a few more months before Obama decides whether to sign off on the long-

delayed controversial project, which would deliver 830,000 barrels per day of mostly oilsands crude to U.S. markets.

Prentice says a rejection would force U.S. and Canadian producers to ship their crude by less efficient means and provide "an artificial competitive advantage for heavier crudes from less democratic, less market-oriented countries."

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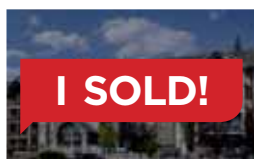
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Making time to smell the goats

PM Stephen Harper and his wife, Laureen, stop to pet a goat, the mascot of the Governor General's Foot Guards, while waiting for the arrival of French PM Jean-Marc Ayrault on Parliament Hill on Wednesday. The Harper government will use the visit to burnish its tarnished reputation in Europe. France and Canada will sign a joint declaration Thursday on an initiative to create biofuels from seaweed. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montana

Death penalty survives repeal bid

A proposal to abolish Montana's death penalty has failed again, a blow for Canadian Ronald Smith, a convicted murderer who has been on death row in the state for 30 years.

A bill to repeal capital punishment and replace it with a maximum sentence of life in prison was introduced but didn't get past a judiciary committee, which, for the fourth time in eight years, voted to table the bill.

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Victoria

Would-be robber nabbed in return to bank: Police

Would-be bank robbers, listen up. If at first you don't succeed, don't go back to the scene of the crime to check on the investigation.

A 39-year-old Victoria suspect is in jail after being picked up on Tuesday, after an employee spotted him peering in the bank's windows as officers were responding to an attempted heist earlier in the day.

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Radicalization

Dutch fearing jihadist threat

The Dutch government raised its terror threat Wednesday amid concerns that Dutch citizens travelling to Syria to fight in the civil war could return battle-hardened, traumatized and further radicalized.

The government cited the threat posed by jihadist fighters returning from Syria,

where rebels are battling government forces, and signs of increasing radicalization among Dutch youth as key reasons for lifting its threat level from "limited" to "substantial." The level now is the second-highest on the four-step scale.

"The chance of an attack in the Netherlands or against Dutch interests abroad has risen," the country's National Co-ordinator for Security and Counterterrorism said in a statement. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Internet propaganda

Islamic extremists face German ban

German authorities banned three ultraconservative Islamic groups Wednesday and separately announced they had foiled a suspected assassination attempt by Islamic extremists against a prominent far-right politician.

The groups banned included one whose Internet

propaganda videos helped inspire the extremist who killed two American airmen at Frankfurt airport in 2011, the country's domestic intelligence chief said.

Police launched early-morning raids on 21 apartments and one meeting room belonging to DawaaFFM, Islamic Audios and al-Nussrah — all of which adhere to the hardcore conservative Salafi interpretation of Islam.

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An Egyptian woman shouts anti-Muslim Brotherhood slogans during a protest in Cairo last week on International Women's Day. AMR NABIL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brotherhood decries UN women's-rights document

Egypt. Sexual freedoms and equality between men and women don't jive with Islamic principles, according to critics of the document

Laws and customs

UN diplomats said Egypt proposed an amendment saying that each country can implement the document in accordance with its own laws and customs — a clause the West strongly opposes.

- Such a document was unattainable a decade ago when the commission took up the issue, because governments were unable to reach agreement.
- Differences over sex education, a woman's right to reproductive health and demands for an exception for traditional, cultural and religious practices stymied an accord.

Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood sharply criticized an anticipated UN document on combating violence against women, saying on Wednesday that it was "deceitful," clashed with Islamic principles and undermined family values.

The text or details of the document have not been published, but it may be issued at the end of a meeting of the UN Commission on the Status of Women this week in New York. Negotiations have been bogged down in debate.

According to the Brotherhood, which has emerged as the most powerful political faction in Egypt since the 2011 uprising, the draft under discussion advocates sexual freedoms for women and the right to abortion "under the guise of sexual and reproductive rights."

In its strongly worded statement, the Brotherhood also decried the document's defence of homosexual rights, which are not recognized in Islam, and the equating between children born in and out of wedlock.

It said the title of the document addressing violence is "deceitful."

"It contains articles that clash with Islamic principles," the Brotherhood statement said. "It eliminates Islamic val-

ues, and seeks to destroy the family ... which would lead to social disintegration."

The Brotherhood, which won Egypt's presidency and controls parliament, called on other Muslim nations, women's groups and Islamic organizations to reject the document. It called it an infringement on the thought, culture and uniqueness of Islamic societies.

Libya's supreme religious cleric also raised similar concerns, rejecting the document for violating Islamic teachings.

In particular, he rejected equality between men and women in matters of inheritance, and criticized wording on sexual freedoms and rights of children born out of wedlock.

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Japan gives Canada \$1M thank you

Tsunami of 2011.
Money is meant to help clean up debris swept across the ocean

After an earthquake and tsunami devastated Japan two years ago, Canada was among the first nations to offer help.

Within a few days, millions of dollars had already been donated for tsunami relief by Canadians, and the federal government had pledged equipment and funds.

Japan offered thanks on Wednesday, with a \$1-million "token of gratitude" that will go toward the cost of cleaning up tsunami debris that washes up on West Coast shores.

"Canadians from all walks of life opened their hearts to the victims," said Japanese Consul General Seiji Okada, reading a message from Japanese ambassador to Canada Kaoru Ishikawa.

Contributions to the Canadian Red Cross relief fund alone totalled almost \$50 million, he noted. Canada and Canadians were at the fore-

front of an overwhelming international response to the tragedy, Okada said.

"Even more uplifting during those dark days, however, was the sincere compassion and the solidarity conveyed to the Japanese people by individual Canadians of all ages, living from coast to coast," Okada said at a news conference in Vancouver. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Debris, believed to be Japanese, in B.C. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Stomach full of change. Dog in New York City gulps down over 100 pennies

A New York City dog has undergone emergency surgery to remove more than 100 pennies from his stomach.

The New York Daily News reports that a Jack Russell terrier named Jack swallowed 111 pennies last week and quickly became ill.

The 13-year-old pooch's owner rushed him to a Manhattan veterinarian for emergency surgery.

That's when dog doctors put Jack under anesthesia and methodically removed all 111 coins. The zinc from the coins could have been lethal.

The dog's owner told the newspaper his best friend is back to his normal self: driving him crazy.

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A \$1.11 tip for the surgeon. BLUEPEARL VETERINARY PARTNERS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Viral video

Man fired after wrestling shark on sick leave

A 62-year-old British man who became an Internet sensation after wrestling with a shark on an Australian beach says he was fired after his employer discovered he'd been abroad while on sick leave.

Paul Marshallsea was filmed yanking a six-foot-long shark away from waders at Caloundra beach near Brisbane in January.

But his intervention also caught the eye of his employer, the Pant and Dowlais Boys & Girls Club, a Welsh charity. Marshallsea had been on leave since April after saying he was suffering from work-related stress.

Marshallsea told local news website WalesOnline he was unhappy at his treatment, adding that his doctor had advised him to take a vacation.

A man who answered the phone at the charity Wednesday said no one was immediately available for comment. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**




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Oh, Canada



Being related to Rachel McAdams, Ryan Reynolds or Seth Rogen? Totally cool. Pamela Anderson? Not so much.

The Canadian connection



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Researchers at Ancestry.ca have discovered that Canadian prince and gangster-in-training Justin Bieber is related to Ryan Gosling, Celine Dion and Avril Lavigne.

Bieber and Dion are 10th cousins. Gosling is Bieber's 11th cousin once removed (what does "removed" even mean? I have a couple family members I wouldn't mind having "removed"). Bieber and Lavigne are 12th cousins.

Let's put this in perspective. Considering its size, Canada is sparsely populated. And I'm going to take a guess that a large portion of that population can be found squished into southern Ontario and Alberta. We're probably all 12th cousins. Heck, you might have a better chance of a Canadian celebrity cousin than rolling up a winning rim on a coffee cup.

So who's your celebrity kinfolk? Don't you want to know? Maybe you can't put down your iPhone because Alexander Graham Bell is your eighth great grand something? Or you love burnt toast because Dr. Wilder Penfield's blood

flows through your veins. Clearly, I have watched way too many Canadian Heritage commercials.

When you grow up in a trailer park like I did, you tend to stay away from researching your family tree for fear that the stereotypes might be true and you're missing a few important branches. But now I'm dying to find out.

What rich and famous cousins could I be mooching off like only family can?

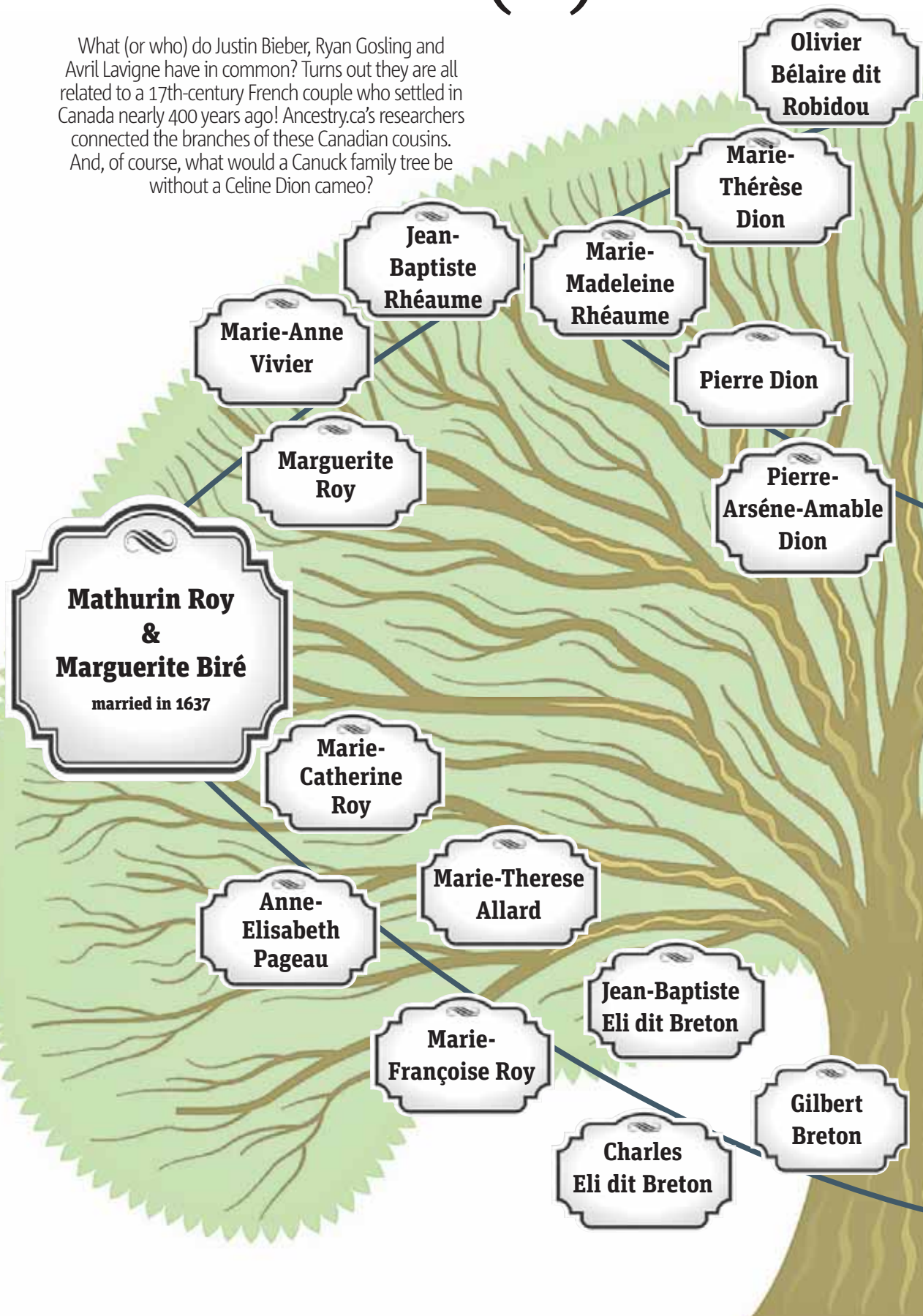
I could spend my days lounging in cousin Shania's infinity pool. Then crash at cousin Keanu's guesthouse at night. Maybe cousin Seth Rogen could come over and we'll work on a movie script! And when my meddling 13th cousin Rachel McAdams starts asking when I'm going to get a "real" job, I'll storm off in a huff into the loving arms of my kissing cousin Ryan Reynolds. I'll cry into his hard-bulging chest and he'll comfort me with soothing whispers in my ear, while my cousin-in-law Blake Lively seethes with jealousy.

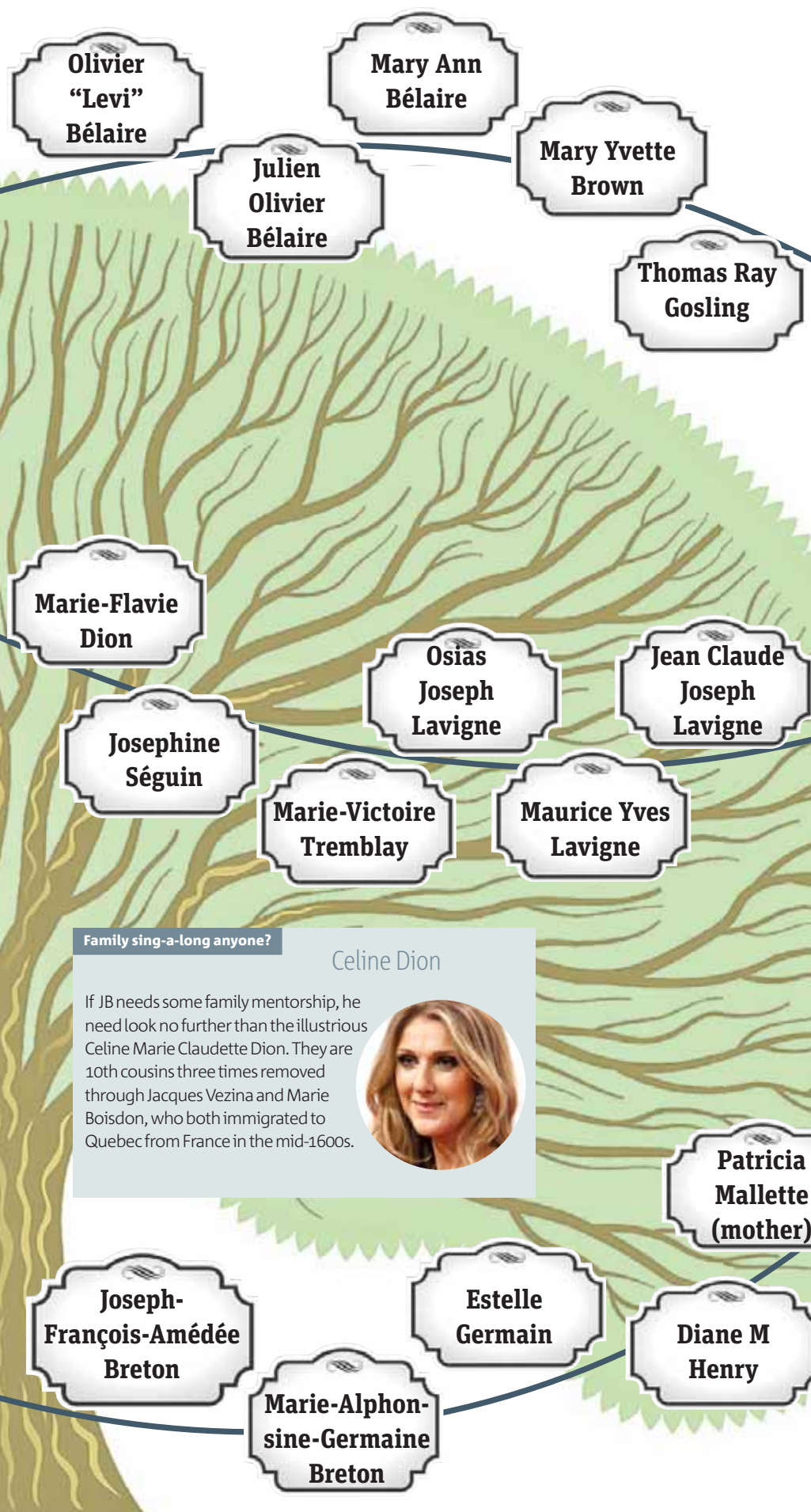
Who am I kidding? Knowing my luck, I'll be related to Pamela Anderson and have to lend her money to help pay her taxes.

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A talented t(h)ree

What (or who) do Justin Bieber, Ryan Gosling and Avril Lavigne have in common? Turns out they are all related to a 17th-century French couple who settled in Canada nearly 400 years ago! Ancestry.ca's researchers connected the branches of these Canadian cousins. And, of course, what would a Canuck family tree be without a Celine Dion cameo?





The sexy cousin

Ryan Gosling

An 11th cousin once removed from Justin is none other than heart throb Ryan Gosling. The Oscar nominee and the Juno winner are related through Mahurin Roy and Marguerite Biré, who immigrated from France to Quebec in the mid-1600s.



The wild cousin

Avril Lavigne

Both Canadian singers, who started their road to stardom when they were teens, share a common family ancestor that goes back 400 years to some of Quebec's earliest settlers. According to Ancestry.ca researchers, Lavigne and the Biebs are 12th cousins.



Twitter

Metro asked you to share interesting branches you have in your family tree. Here's what you tweeted:

@thepolishviking

#metrofamous A Danish ancestor of mine in the 12th century claimed he was a wizard on a census form...

@thelordjames

My ancestors were baptized by (and I believe related to) Menno Simons. The founder of the Mennonites #metrofamous

@BenBrown21

#metrofamous my great uncle is Sir Cedric Hardwicke #10commandments

@ILike42

Henry Ford (the car guy) great-grandfather's first cousin. #metrofamous

@SusanLougheed

my Gt Grandfather, Goldie Prodder played for the St Pats & scored the winning goal the 1st yr the Habs won the Stanley Cup

@GiovannaNicolai

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My partner's cousin is Noah Reid, star of 'Score: A Hockey Musical' and original voice of Franklin the Turtle

Tomorrow

You think this tree goes way back? How about 100,000 years back? Tomorrow we look at how microscopic mtDNA can tell you even more about how you got here.

- Online. Read this feature online in full throughout the week at metronews.ca/whoareyou

Family sing-a-long anyone?

Celine Dion

If JB needs some family mentorship, he need look no further than the illustrious Celine Marie Claudette Dion. They are 10th cousins three times removed through Jacques Vezina and Marie Boisdon, who both immigrated to Quebec from France in the mid-1600s.



Cyber crime. Going away? Don't bank on the Wi-Fi

Travellers should be wary of cyber threats on vacation as they access free wireless networks with their smartphones, tablets or laptops, says software security company Symantec Corp.

Canadians travelling for March break and into the summer season shouldn't be doing things like pulling up their bank accounts on Wi-Fi networks, said Lynn Hargrove, director of consumer solutions for Symantec Canada.

"What people don't realize is that there's no security on those Wi-Fi networks for the most part," she said. "It's a great way to keep in touch while you're on vacation, but there are some inherent risks that come with it that people just aren't thinking about."

Symantec has found that two in 10 Canadians pull up their bank accounts on free Wi-Fi networks in Canada.

According to the firm's 2012 Norton Cybercrime report, travellers are often victimized through their mobile devices while abroad, often by text messages.

"We're seeing a lot of fraud-



A woman checks her cellphone at the beach in this file photo. Travellers should be more cautious about using free wireless networks while on vacation, a software security firm says.

ANDREW WARDLOW/THE NEWS HERALD/
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ulent texts asking you to click on a link or go and dial a number to retrieve a voice mail," Hargrove said.

And the wealth of information stored on a smartphone — pictures, texts, emails, contact lists, work documents, banking information — can be valuable to cyber criminals if stolen or lost, Hargrove said.

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'Tablet for women' targets Middle East consumers

Pink, perky, pandering. Pre-loaded apps cover yoga, perfume, cooking and grocery shopping



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The world's "first tablet for women," complete with a pink background and weight-loss apps, is being condemned as sexist.

Eurostar Group, the Middle East-based creator of the device, says the ePad Femme is designed for a woman's "diverse lifestyle." Based on the pre-loaded selection of apps, that lifestyle includes shopping for groceries, cooking and doing yoga.

Speaking with the Jerusalem Post, Eurostar spokesperson Mani Nair said the Android-powered device "makes a perfect gadget for a woman



The ePad Femme is being marketed as the "first tablet for women."

FACEBOOK/EUROSTAR GROUP

who might find difficulties in terms of downloading these applications." Nair insisted nothing about the tablet was sexist, and compared it to similar products geared towards gamers. However,

others disagree.

"There have always been special books for women concerning sex, how to please your husband, and what to cook for him," Eman Al Nafjan, a Saudi feminist blogger told the Post.

Quoted

"Whoever made this tablet doesn't understand us very well. We are home all the time and we are extremely tech-savvy."

Eman Al Nafjan, a Saudi feminist blogger, speaking to the Jerusalem Post.

"This is just using technology for the same thing."

In Saudi Arabia, women are often highly educated, but not allowed to drive or travel without a male escort. As a result, Al Nafjan says they spend a lot of time online and are fully capable of downloading their own apps.

"Whoever made this tablet doesn't understand us very well," she said. "We are home all the time and we are extremely tech-savvy."

Eurostar has sold about 7,000 units of the tablet since its October launch.

High-profile hacking should come as no surprise: Obama

The pursuit of hackers who audaciously stole and published credit reports for Michelle Obama, the attorney general, FBI director and other U.S. politicians and celebrities crisscrossed continents and included a San Francisco-based Internet company, Cloudflare, The Associated Press has learned.

The sensational crime caught the attention of Congress and President Barack

Obama, who said "we should not be surprised."

Obama said he could not confirm that the first lady's credit report was published earlier this week on a Russian website, along with what appeared to be the credit reports of nearly two dozen others, including Donald Trump and celebrities Britney Spears, Jay-Z, Beyoncé and Tiger Woods.

If accurate as widely suspected, the leaked records put

each victim at significant risk of identity theft. Included in the reports are Social Security numbers, dates of birth and a list of previous home addresses.

"We should not be surprised that if you've got hackers who want to dig in and devote a lot of resources, that they can access people's private information," Obama told ABC News in an interview aired Wednesday. "It is a big problem."

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Hire more veterans, first lady urges

High unemployment. Michelle Obama says joblessness among those who served in Iraq, Afghanistan is 2 points above average

Michelle Obama challenged America's top CEOs on Wednesday to "think outside the

box" and hire more veterans.

The first lady said that, while declines in overall unemployment are encouraging, joblessness among the 9-11 generation of veterans — those who served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan — is nearly two points higher than the national average, at 9.4 per cent. She said that figure means that about 200,000 veterans don't have jobs, not including their spouses and

By the numbers

100K

In challenging the CEOs, Mrs. Obama highlighted Walmart's pledge to hire more than 100,000 veterans in the next five years.

those who will return home after the U.S. ends its combat mission in Afghanistan.

Addressing a meeting of

the Business Roundtable, which represents chief executive officers of the 200 largest U.S. corporations, Mrs. Obama said the Joining Forces campaign she launched two years ago with Jill Biden, the vice-president's wife, to rally the country around its military members has led businesses to hire or train more than 125,000 veterans and military spouses.

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Michelle Obama and Jill Biden speak at the home of injured U.S. Army veteran Johnny Agbi, centre, in October 2011 in Washington, D.C. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Pension relief. Air Canada given time to fix shortfall

A move by Ottawa to help Air Canada deal with a \$4.2-billion deficit in its pension plan gives the airline some breathing room as it works to launch a new discount service.

But the rules imposed on Air Canada in exchange for the relief may turn off other companies looking for the same help with their pension plans, which have been hurt by volatile stock markets and super low interest rates.

"In the current low interest rate environment, Air Canada's pension solvency deficit funding payments would not be sustainable without the seven-year extension in place," Wal-

ter Spracklin wrote in an RBC Capital Markets note.

In exchange for the pension relief, Air Canada agreed to rules that set limits on executive pay and prevent it from paying dividends to shareholders and buying back stock.

It is those rules that will make other companies think twice before asking Ottawa for help.

Canadian Pacific Railway, Canadian National Railway, Bell Canada, MTS Allstream, Canada Post and NAV Canada had lobbied the federal government in hopes of gaining some measure of funding relief for their pension plans. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Proposed rules

EU measures aim to help stranded airline passengers

The EU is considering beefed-up measures to help stranded airline passengers get compensation and find quicker ways to get home. EU Transport Commissioner Siim Kallas said the rules would mean that if carriers can't reroute passengers themselves within 12 hours they must find another airline or other transportation.

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CURLY FRIES STRAIGHTEN THINGS OUT

After a nonstop string of feel-good stories and glowing press, Facebook — the little company that could — has finally been hit with some criticism.

The heretofore infallible website stumbled into the media spotlight for the first time this week when it was revealed that its users might have reason for some — wait for it — privacy concerns. It turns out that hitting “like” on certain Facebook groups or events can reveal more about you to advertisers than might be apparent.

Strike 1, am I right?

A University of Cambridge study (like it on Facebook!) showed that running somebody's Facebook likes through a computer program could give you a decent indicator of that user's gender, race, religion and sexual orientation, not to mention their favourite colour, tooth health, Super Mario high score, social-security number and how good they are in bed (within five per cent).



HE SAYS

John Mazerolle

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You might be tempted to call it a modern-day horoscope, but it's just the opposite, because it works.

For instance, it was shown that you could predict a high IQ in a user if they liked thunderstorms, The Colbert Report, science and curly fries. Facebook users who liked the group Eating Curly Fries While Watching Thunderstorm Science on The Colbert Report were mostly employees at the CERN particle accelerator in Geneva.

(It should be noted, though, that the spuds-smarts relationship might just be a coincidence, highlighting the classic logical fallacy of mistaking curly fries for causation.)

The researchers said that most of the computer's predictions were made through indirect connections — it wasn't guessing people were homosexual and Muslim because they liked Homosexuality is Halal (real group!). Instead it was, for instance, successfully predicting homosexuality from choices such as liking the TV show Glee.

I'd argue the bigger privacy concern for somebody who “likes” Glee is the fact it reveals you like Glee, but what do I know?

Other than the twist of the curly fries (ha!) this all seems straightforward to me. Many media outlets played up the report as if it was a shocker, but if you haven't figured out by now that Facebook is going to peruse, parse and package your information any way that it sees fit, then there's a Brooklyn Bridge auction on eBay we should discuss.

I'm no fan of Facebook. It's clear from their many previous transgressions that Facebook (like Google) thinks privacy is passé, maybe even dishonest. The site's new graph search that allows you to search for, say, “friends of friends who live in California and like Katy Perry and Nine Inch Nails” (23 results!) is so fascinating/jicky that it feels like a new type of pornography.

But it shouldn't be a surprise anymore.

People will always have the right to raise privacy concerns, and the right to disconnect from Facebook, but if you're surprised by their disregard for your privacy after almost a decade then there's only one solution: Eat more curly fries. All will become clear in time.

ZOOM

Torrential photography



TOMÁS BOGÓNEZ/SOLENT

Tornado is illusion under acidic water

It looks like a giant tornado is causing mayhem in the sky, but this image is simply the reflection of a river running through a mine.

To create this stunning moment, photographer Tomás Bogónez has rotated the picture to appear like a huge fiery cyclone. The image was taken in Río Tinto river in Huelva, southwest Spain. **METRO**

Upside-down view

“The texture of the river was mind-blowing, the bright colours and the reflection of the river were amazing to see.”

Tomás Bogónez

Colours are metals and minerals

The area around Río Tinto has been mined for more than 5,000 years. After centuries of exploiting the site, the waterway has become very dense, acidic and low in oxygen.

NASA scientists have even studied the ecosystem because of its similarities to Mars. The river's vibrant hues of red, ochre and violet are caused by the dissolved metals and minerals. **METRO**

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Twitter's perpetual parade of parody accounts never fails to keep us mildly amused. Check out this trio of lowlights from yesterday's conclave to see if they stuck the landing after the new Pope was announced.

@ConclaveManCave

Formerly used as the account of a hostile Ryan Gosling before becoming an all-caps F-bomb bot, a name change and a flame-broiled popemobile provide a new home for tedious bro jokes.

@PopeSeagull

The superstar bird started with promise, appointing himself pontiff to set the stage for decrees on how a bird would run things at the Vatican. Sadly, it was followed by food jokes.

@Vatican_Seagull

Hashtag-bombing location updates filled the gaps between thoughts on NFL free agency and pleas to celebrities for TV drama guest roles.



Letters

Fair trade Easter

Consumers often contribute to the better well-being of other people in the world. This was true with fair trade coffee and is becoming more and more true with other fair trade goods, such as chocolate.

The purchase of fair trade certified products has important consequences.

It allows many producers to receive reasonable prices for their products and numerous workers and producers to climb out of poverty. It also has

positive impacts on the environment.

About 200,000 slave children work on farms and cocoa plantations, some against their will, in the Ivory Coast, which is the world's leading producer, supplying 35 per cent of its cocoa. The working conditions can be extremely dangerous, and living conditions can be very poor.

We should all work towards a world where solidarity is at the heart of economic development. A fair trade Easter would be an immense step in this direction.

Bruno Marquis, Gatineau, Que.

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A perfect recipe for finding local culinary hot spots

Dishcrawl. The latest dining trend takes patrons on a culinary scavenger hunt



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Finding the perfect restaurant is like finding the perfect pair of designer shoes on clearance. It rarely happens.

But, when it does, you're hooked. You crave more. The hunt is on. Any foodie will tell you how gratifying it is to discover a to-die-for-dish or a quaint restaurant with an unbelievable chef who pulls out all the stops. But they aren't likely to tell you where. That's the catch 22 about the culinary scene. Everyone wants to keep these delicious secrets to themselves rather than risk not getting a reservation on their next visit or burning out a new trend as if it's an over-marketed Kardashian accessory.

Luckily, there's Dishcrawl, a start-up company dedicated to dishing on local restaurant hot spots. "It's actually a lot of fun getting to know local restaurant owners," says Kirby Ptacek, training specialist and private event coordinator for the company.

"We have a great team that has been able to pick some unique and interesting places for our events."

Next on the culinary cal-

endar is a trip through Edmonton's vibrant Chinatown, which promises a cultural and foodie adventure through Chinese, Vietnamese and Thai cuisine. "It helps that our company really focuses on the small restaurant owner," says Ptacek. "We really want to highlight local businesses while promoting neighbourhood awareness."

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True to the first rule of any foodie club, Dishcrawl keeps all the locations under their cloche until 48 hours before the excursion.

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What happens in Vegas stays with you

The Incredible Burt Wonderstone.

Jim Carrey talks about jerk magicians and the difficulties of shooting a film in Las Vegas

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For Jim Carrey, filming and promoting *The Incredible Burt Wonderstone* has meant spending a lot of time in Las Vegas, a truly unique city that apparently has quite the effect on the comic actor.

"There's everything here. You can't pinpoint it, this big Vegas glitzy thing. When you look out on the strip, it's blinding the energy that they have," Carrey says.

"I'm not a gambler, not the Sin City part of the deal. I like the shows."

One thing he doesn't like, though, is all the filtered air.

"I like being on the street in Vegas. I have trouble in



Steve Carrell, left, Steve Buscemi and Jim Carrey star in *The Incredible Burt Wonderstone*. BEN GLASS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the room," he says. "Nobody puts a window in that you can crack. I just get dryer and dryer. By day three, I'm beef jerky. I have crazy dreams here. Last night I had a dream that I had been shrunk down to the size of an insect and I was swallowed by a hungry giant and I went through his esophagus and into his stomach, and I was burned by his juices. By the time I got to

the lower intestines, I wasn't anything that I could recognize. ... I woke up at ... the cashier at Bally's begging for another line of credit. I don't know if it was the Ambien or I have a gambling problem. If someone could give me \$500, I swear I'm good for it. Seriously."

In *The Incredible Burt Wonderstone*, Carrey co-stars as Steve Gray, a Criss

Angel-inspired edgy illusionist at odds with Steve Carrell's more traditional titular magic man. While Gray and Wonderstone battle it out for a high-profile gig on the Strip, Carrey remembers his own days playing Vegas.

"I used to perform here with Rodney Dangerfield years ago at Caesar's. I used to open for him," he remembers. "I brought my dad

Crazy Carrey

Setting the record straight

Jim Carrey is known for some bizarre behaviour — as his very active Twitter feed can attest. But over the course of his career, that reputation may have

gotten a bit out of hand, he admits.

"The craziest rumour that I've heard about myself is that I have an iguana and that... it's written that I have to have a chef for my iguana," Carrey says. Total nonsense?

Well, not completely. "I had an iguana, but I didn't have a chef for him."

down to the see the show. To see your name up on that big sign is such a thrill. 'Wow, I'm really here.' Then I had a shift and got away from impressions and I started dressing weird with spiky hair and started imitating cockroaches avoiding vacuum cleaners. I totally lost the audience, which of course I planned to do from time to time. Rodney Dangerfield used to stand backstage and howl with laughter at my failure. I'd come off stage and he'd say, 'Man, they're looking at you like your

from another planet.'

As for magicians, Carrey admits he hasn't always been the biggest fan.

"There's not a lot of differences between magicians and actors, although I think magicians are a lot more arrogant," Carrey says.

"That's what bothered me about magicians growing up. I was always fascinated by it growing up, they're kind of like, 'Abracadabra, you're an idiot!' They don't let you in on the joke. Comedians are in on the joke — unless you're Andy Kaufman."

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Time well spent with the Beatles

Rare photos.

Photographer Henry Grossman, who followed the Brit-pop crew for four years, shares stacks of unseen photos

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It was just another job for young photographer Henry Grossman when Time magazine hired him to shoot behind-the-scenes images of the Beatles' first appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show.

But that telecast ended up being an iconic moment in rock history and that one-off assignment ended up spanning four years as Grossman followed the Fab Four to the Bahamas and Austria during the production of Help!

Photos from those years can be found in Places I Remember: My Time With the Beatles, which showcases more than 1,000 of Gross-

man's photographs from his time with the iconic band, most of them never seen before.

"I wasn't a fan of the music particularly," Grossman says.

"I always listened to classical music, opera, concert music, that kind of stuff. But I became a fan of them. They were some of the best people I've ever known."

After shooting more than 6,500 snapshots of the band between 1964 and 1968, Grossman filed his unpublished photos away and never gave much thought to them again.

"I was busy," he says. "I was going to the White House, photographing Broadway shows, political personalities, poets, writers. I put the photos away in an archive. I thought I had exhausted everything that could be done with them."

Publishers Brian Kehew and Kevin Ryan thought differently. After discovering Grossman's horde, they worked with him to assemble Places I Remember: My Time With the Beatles, a collection of more than 1,000 of Gross-

A true Beatles fan

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Henry Grossman
Talking about covering the Beatles in their early years

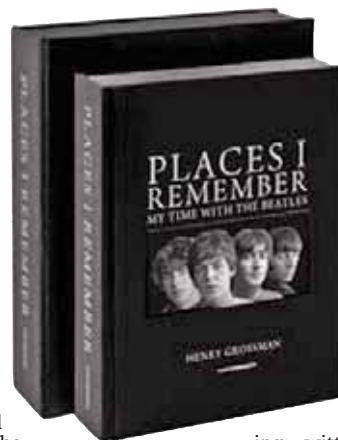
man's photographs, almost all of them never seen before.

Besides his photography career, Grossman worked as an actor and Wagnerian tenor, performing on Broadway and at the Metropolitan Opera.

He studied with Lee Strasberg alongside classmates like Dustin Hoffman and Elliott Gould. But he still looks back fondly on his years with the Beatles.

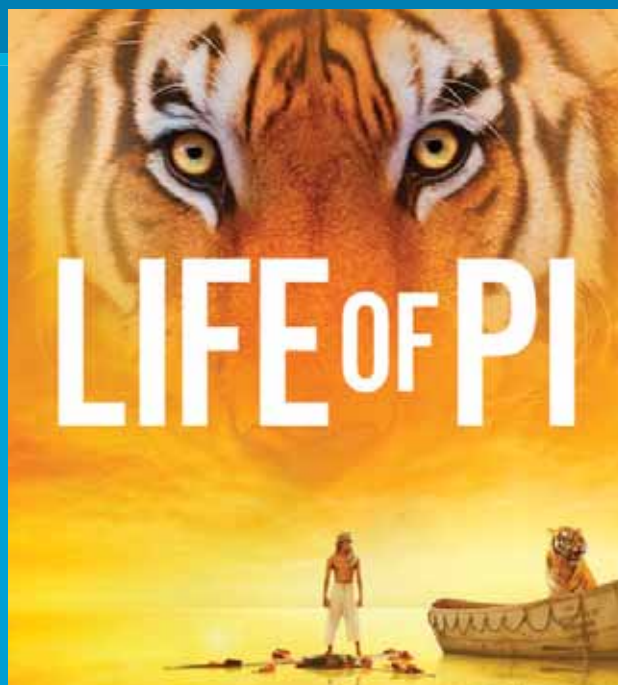
"Looking at the photos in this book is like revisiting old friends," he says. "I thought they were charm-

ing, witty, intelligent. As I got to know them, I realized how unique each one of them was individually, and also how unique they were as a group. They were terrific fun."



Paul McCartney is seen in a rare photo by Henry Grossman. HANDOUT

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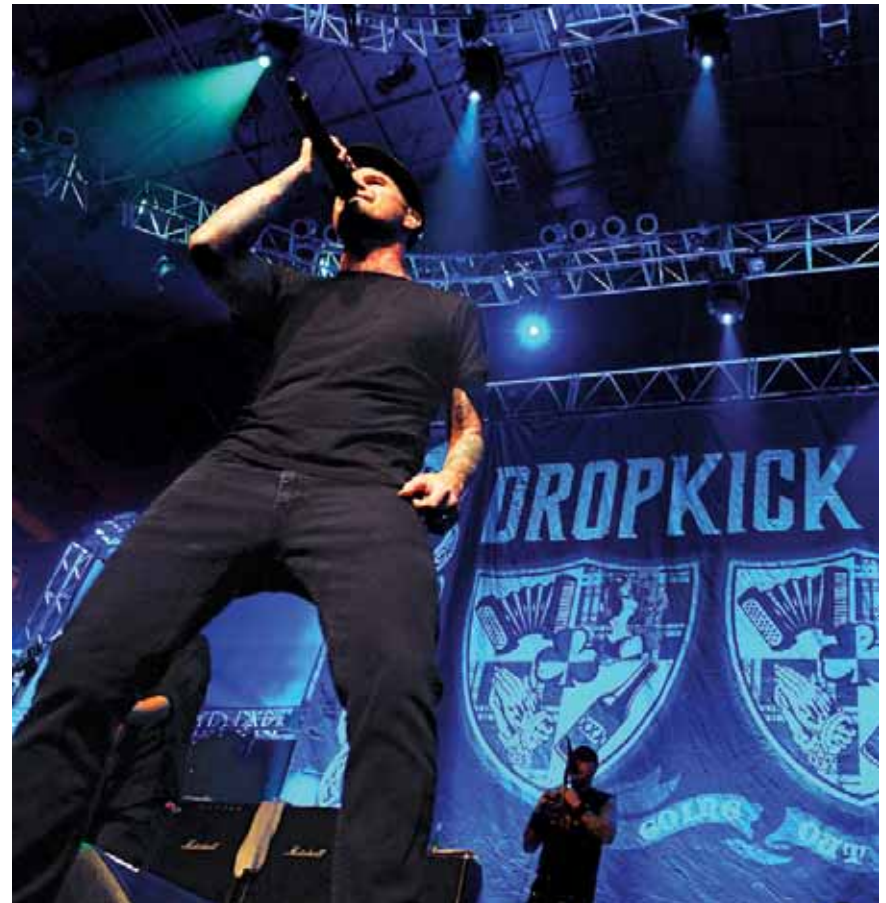


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Dropkick Murphys.

Punk legends returning to their musical roots after a tepid last album

LINDA LABAN
Metro World News

How do you follow an intricate concept album? If you're the Dropkick Murphys you go back to basics. And the result, with the January-released *Signed and Sealed in Blood*, is a rip-roaring Boston celtic punk classic.

"The previous record being a concept album was very much mental gymnastics," says Dropkick's co-founder Ken Casey. "It was a great songwriting exercise. But this time we felt like kids in a candy store ready to write a good, old-fashioned punk-rock record. It never would have happened or sounded like this if the other one hadn't been like it was — or come as quick."

Quote

"We felt like kids in a candy store ready to write a good, old-fashioned punk rock record."

Ken Casey
Dropkick Murphys.

Right from the foot-stomping opener *The Boys Are Back*, the seven-man band wear their pent-up punk-rock energy on their tattooed sleeves.

"It's difficult writing a song, but when you're trying to tie all the songs into a larger story, it steers you into directions you might not want to go in," adds Casey. "This one is a simpler record."

The folksy *Rose Tattoo* finds the Dropkicks collaborating with Mumford and Sons banjo player Winston Marshall, where the pace gears down.

"Even though this album doesn't have a true ballad, we slow it down," he says, "but without pulling the rug from under the record."

Fan favourite

A return for a Barroom Hero

Among the hundreds of songs the Dropkick Murphys have under their belt, *Barroom Hero* is a clear fan favourite.

"We'd taken it out of the set," Ken Casey says. "Then people started saying, 'What the hell are you doing not playing that song?'"

The song has a long history with the group and a bit of sentimentality to it too.

"It was the first song we ever wrote, even before we started the band. It's one of those songs that's always been a staple. You play a song every time for 17 years, they're either going to love it or hate it."

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Post-surgery, Lady Gaga got some shiny new wheels. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lady Gaga: the woman with the golden wheelchair

Lady Gaga is recovering from hip surgery in style.

The singer reportedly tapped designer Ken Borochoy for a custom 24-karat gold wheelchair, according to E! News. "I certainly wasn't expecting that phone

call and have never done a wheelchair, but am always up for a challenge and was thrilled to create what I affectionately dubbed the Chariot, a chair for a queen," Borochoy says in a statement.



Hawaiians: watch out for nude, singing stars in a backyard near you.

Dream on, paparazzi: new Hawaiian law named after Aerosmith singer

Hawaii's state senate has passed the Steven Tyler Act, which gives celebrities the right to sue paparazzi over unwanted photos and videos taken of them, and the man for whom the act is named couldn't be more thrilled. "(In Hawaii,) they

are allowed in with their lenses and they get the most intimate of shots. Not on my watch," he tells Billboard. "Now at least Joe (Perry) and I can go to Maui and walk around naked in the back lawn and write some crazy songs."

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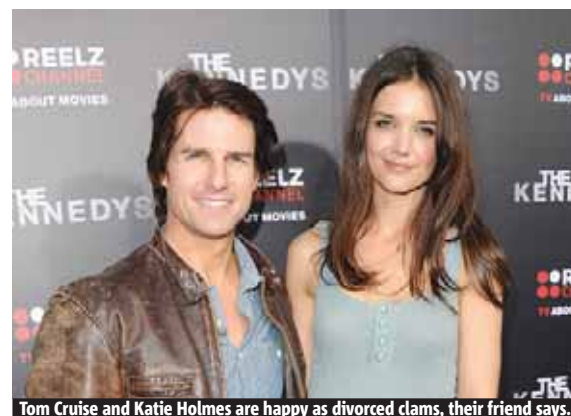
Twitter joke makes Beliebers go Wilde

Olivia Wilde has learned the hard way not to criticize Justin Bieber, as her post to Twitter earlier this month imploring the pop star to "put your f—ing shirt on" earned her more than 17,000 angry responses from Bieber fans.

"It's pretty much the

funniest thing that's ever happened to me because my Twitter feed is now filled with the most hilarious abuse," she says during a visit to the Tonight Show with Jay Leno. "One of them was like, 'Are you a lesbian or are you too old?' That's great, because it's a question I never asked myself before."

Wilde is making light of the threats to her safety, telling CNN, "I'm going to get attacked with acid. Someone's going to throw acid in my face. If that happens, there are 35 million Beliebers that did it, so find them."



Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes are happy as divorced clams, their friend says.

Tom and Kate are doing just swell after split, says mutual friend

Apparently getting divorced was the best thing to happen to Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes, at least according to director Adam Shankman, who is friends with both.

Shankman tells Us Weekly that since the couple's high-profile split last summer, the two are doing just swell.

"They are incredibly happy," Shankman says. "I've just been emailing with him. He's coming back. He's shooting (All You Need Is Kill) in London and seems as happy as a clam. I know he sees his daughter." As for Holmes? "Katie seems really happy," Shankman adds.

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Diet Coke's 30th anniversary bottles and cans are getting some fashionable fizz with the help of designer Marc Jacobs. The toy-soldier-sized New Yorker talks sex, Kate Moss and refusing to compete with Tom Ford.

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News

How to open up a can of kickass

Marc his words.

The fashion world's favourite bad boy takes a moment from his mid-life crisis to chat with Metro

Next month you'll turn 50. What do you have planned for your mid-life crisis?

My mid-life crisis has been going on for 20 years. I don't see it as a crisis at all. I think it's quite an adventure — not a crisis for me. I'm not going to buy a Corvette or anything like that — I guess that's someone else's mid-life crisis.

You've said you don't have any big party plans but you seem to enjoy wearing some pretty outrageous outfits like that pink polo shirt dress. Do you enjoy getting dressed up?

I do enjoy it. I love attention. I'm very honest about it. There were years where I just didn't want to do press and I didn't really care about my appearance and I sort of shied away from things like that. But in order to enjoy them, I have to be me and sometimes that means wearing a pink dress, a lace dress or a kilt. Also, I feel like I need to relate to that joy and that ritual of going shopping and finding something to wear and then wearing it. I think being connected to that makes me a better designer. It's sort of like practising what you preach. I wouldn't really be doing my job if I didn't do that.

What's your relationship like with Kate Moss?

Kate Moss? She just texted me. We've been on holiday together. We were in Ibiza a few years ago with her daughter (Lila Grace), (photographers) Mert (Alas) and Marcus (Piggott) and some friends of mine. I've spent a great deal of time with Kate over the years. We genuinely like each other — we just click.

She regularly closes your show. Do you ask her or vice-versa?

It works both ways. She's expressed interest and of course,



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"I have to be me and sometimes that means wearing a pink dress, a lace dress or a kilt."

Marc Jacobs



The Marc By Marc Jacobs Fall 2013 fashion show.
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I've expressed interest in wanting her in a show. Over the past few years, it's kind of like the Vuitton show is the only show she'll do. It's kind of just become this thing.

Your last Louis Vuitton shows had sexual undertones. How does sex influence your work?

Sex is a big part of my life. It's a very big part of most people's lives whether they want to admit it or not. I don't know, sometimes when collections feel more personal there's more of an undercurrent of things that are of an emotional nature. When I dream, there's this darkness, this melancholy side, there's this sexual tension and then there's this kind of identity thing that goes on. An element of role-play and honesty. In the collections that I feel most proud, there are personal feelings and emotions that make it human.

You're in great shape and so is Tom Ford. Who's the bigger stud and why?

I don't know. I don't compete with Tom Ford. Tom's a friend of mine and I think Tom's terrific. He's a great looking guy and all of that but I certainly don't set out to compete with Tom (laughs). I wouldn't compare anything of mine to anything of his.

How does the inspiration and working process for you differ between your Marc Jacobs and Louis Vuitton collections?

The New York collection is very personal to my life growing up in New York. My collection in Paris is very much about my life in Paris, which is a bit of more of a fantasy life, that of being a French designer and working with the great ateliers of Paris — it feels a little bit like I'm looking in on a different world.

Are there too many designer

collaborations?

No, no. It's always a two-way street. If nobody had any interest in designers doing cans and bottles for Coca-Cola, then Diet Coke wouldn't ask designers to do it. It's about supply and demand.

Do you think that fashion houses are creating too many collections these days?

It is too much but I don't actively participate in all of it to the same degree. I know when I'm most needed and that's when I rise to the occasion and I don't think any one person does do that much. They might say that they do but they don't.

Cigarettes, coffee and Diet Coke, would you say that you've got an addictive personality?

Well, let's not put cigarettes in the same category as Diet Coke. Hmm, cigarette smoking is my bad habit, I'd say. It's my biggest vice and bad habit — I don't recommend it.

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1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Spray a 9-x5-inch loaf pan with cooking oil.

2. For cake, combine the granulated sugar, oil, egg, lemon rind and 3 tbsp juice in a large bowl or a food processor. Mix well. Add milk, mixing thoroughly.

3. Combine the flour, poppy seeds, baking powder and baking soda. Add to the wet mixture alternately with the yogurt, mixing just until incorporated. Do not overmix.

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4. Pour into the prepared pan and bake for 35 to 40 minutes, or until a tester inserted in the centre of the cake comes out dry. Set the pan on a rack to cool for 10 minutes. The centre of the cake may sink slightly when it cools.

5. For a glaze, combine the icing sugar and 2 tbsp lemon juice. Prick holes in the top of the loaf with a fork or wooden skewer and pour the glaze over the loaf.

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Ingredients

- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 egg
- 2 tsp grated lemon rind
- 3 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/3 cup 2% milk
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp poppy seeds
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 cup 2% yogurt or light sour cream
- 1/4 cup icing sugar
- 2 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice

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1. In saucepan over high heat, bring juice beverage to boil and boil until reduced by half. Let cool slightly. Stir in honey, maple syrup and oil. Set aside.

2. In large bowl, stir together oats, coconut, banana, pineapple, almonds, macadamia nuts, apricot, mango, pumpkin seeds, ginger and salt. Pour juice mixture over top; toss to coat.

3. Spread evenly on 2 greased or parchment paper-lined rimmed baking sheets. Bake in 325 F (160 C) oven for 30 minutes, rotating pans and stirring once, or until granola is golden.

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Ingredients

- 1 cup Minute Maid Chilled Mango Juice Beverage
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- 3 tbsp maple syrup
- 3 tbsp vegetable oil
- 4 cups large-flake rolled oats
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- 1 1/2 cups dried banana chips
- 1 cup chopped dried pine

apple

- 1 cup whole raw almonds
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped macadamia nuts
- 1/2 cup chopped dried apricot
- 1/2 cup chopped dried mango
- 1/3 cup pumpkin seeds
- 1/2 tsp ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp salt

Popping something good

1. Heat empty cast-iron Dutch oven over low heat 2 minutes.

2. Add enough olive oil to the pot to thinly coat the entire bottom. Add a single layer of popcorn kernels. You want them to be touching but not more than one layer thick. Increase the heat to medium and place the lid on the pot. Wait until popping begins, then turn the heat down slightly.

3. Shake the pot every 30 seconds or so. Start shaking a bit more when the popping starts to subside. When the kernels stop popping in unison and you only hear one pop every couple of seconds, it is done.

4. Pour the popcorn into a large bowl. Season generously with the toppings listed below,

Ingredients

- 2 to 3 tbsp olive oil (depending on the size of the pot)
- 1/3 to 1/2 cup popcorn kernels (depending on the size of the pot)
- Fine-grain sea salt or other seasoned toppings

or another one of your favourites. Toss the popcorn in the bowl and sprinkle with additional seasoning several times to make sure you have an even coating. Serve immediately or let cool.

Wet Popcorn Toppings

Be certain to spread the popcorn flat on a baking sheet before adding wet toppings, then let it set before serving.

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- Melted chocolate and peanut butter
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Can't find your wallpaper? Create it online

Decor. Creating custom fabrics and wallpapers is now as easy as logging onto your computer and using your imagination

When Renee Pedro bought a house with mid-century decor, she decided to embrace the look.

Drawing inspiration from the 1963 Philco oven in her kitchen, she began hunting for towels and table linens with a mod '60s vibe to complement the appliance.

"That oven was my style. My thing," said Pedro, of Philadelphia.

She was disappointed by the lack of choices, and in 2009 began looking for a way to create her own textiles to decorate the kitchen. "I couldn't find something that fit my esthetic, so I decided to make it," she said.

After a year of looking online, she found a company that would allow her to design her own fabric. Now she runs her own online business, Crashpaddesigns.com, selling tea towels, pil-

low cases and table linens in mod, bright, geometric or flowered patterns that she designs herself.

Many companies have begun to offer consumers the chance to create custom fabrics and wallpapers.

Advances in printing have made it more affordable to create small runs, and to make high-quality products faster and cheaper, said Aaron Kirsch, president of Astek Wallcovering Inc. in Van Nuys, Calif.

He sells directly to consumers via his company's website, Designyourwall.com.

The company also makes custom products for the fashion, hospitality and motion picture industries. Demand for the custom products has been steadily rising, Kirsch said.

"Custom wall covering ... has gone ballistic," he said.

Homeowners can create their own wall covering for about \$6.50 a square foot, he said.

Custom fabrics run about \$18 to \$30 a yard, said Rysa Pitner, founder of Fabric on Demand in Los Angeles.

Custom options appeal to "individuals who love to author their own stuff," she

Do-it-yourself

"I couldn't find something that fit my own esthetic, so I decided to make it."

Renee Pedro, Philadelphia shopper turned fabric designer, creator of crashpad-designs.com

said.

You can upload photos, original artwork or computer-generated designs on her company's website, Fabricondemand.com.

Some manufacturers have designers who help customers develop the look they want.

Do-it-yourself designers can usually preview the or-

der online or order a sample piece.

It normally takes less than a month for orders to be processed.

The websites also have a wide variety of premade patterns available.

Creating rolls of wallpaper for an accent wall or producing yards of fabric to make curtains, bedding or

furniture covering allows homeowners to create layers of design that contribute to the look they are after, added Los Angeles designer Kate Albrecht, who runs the website Mrkate.com.

"It's a layered look where they feel like each little element of a room speaks about their personality," she said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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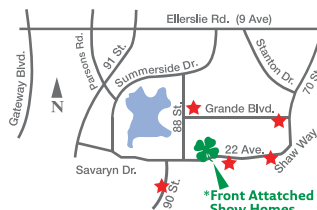
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Shop owner J Frank, left, and Sarah Rowland with the wallpaper she designed for Dixie Donuts in Richmond, Va. The owners asked Rowland to design a custom wallpaper for an accent wall.

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Could trading away a young star such as, from left, Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Jordan Eberle or Taylor Hall change the Edmonton Oilers' fortunes? GETTY IMAGES FILE

Oil change needed on this clunker



THE HOCKEY NEWS
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It's officially doom-and-gloom time in Edmonton again. This year was supposed to be different; not only were the kids poised to take over, but they had a jump-start on both game readiness and chemistry thanks to their sojourn to Oklahoma City during the lockout.

But, despite Tuesday night's 4-0 win in Colorado, the Oilers are one of the worst teams in the Western Conference

yet again and the stats say it's not getting any better soon. Edmonton is 29th in the NHL when it comes to 5-on-5 goals and though both the power play and penalty kill have been good, they're called special teams for a reason: They only happen so often.

Simply put, the Oilers need to diversify their ranks and sacred cows must be tossed on the slab. In order for this team to become anything other than a doormat, a drastic overhaul is needed.

In a best-case scenario, the summer offers a variety of free agents who will likely have to be overpaid in order to come

to the winter wonderland that is northern Alberta. That's fine, because in order to make this plan work long-term, the Oilers will need to trade one of their young gems, be it Taylor Hall, Ryan Nugent-Hopkins or even Nail Yakupov (I'd put Jordan Eberle in the untouchable category). Not only will this allow for the top six forward corps to become older, but it will help alleviate the inevitable salary-cap crunch once all four kids are off their entry-level contracts. As it is now, both Hall and Eberle begin long-term deals with \$6-million cap hits next season.

Detroit forwards Valtteri

Filppula and Dan Cleary (who played for the Oilers a lifetime ago) are both free agents this summer, as are defencemen Rob Scuderi (L.A.) and Andrew Ference (Boston). All are winners and even a couple of them could change this team, which is going nowhere fast.

Simply installing another lottery pick isn't going to cut it. And there is precedent for trading a No. 1 overall pick: Erik Johnson is no longer in St. Louis and the Blues made that decision after just three-and-a-half years of service. It's time for tough choices in Edmonton — and waiving Ben Eager doesn't count.

NHL

Head shot earns Perry four-game suspension

Anaheim Ducks forward Corey Perry has been suspended for four games for elbowing Minnesota Wild forward Jason Zucker in the head.

Zucker was helped off the ice after the late hit in the second period of the Ducks' 2-1 win over the Wild on Tuesday. He did not return.

Perry was assessed a major penalty for interference and a game misconduct on the play. He will forfeit \$115,135.12 US in salary.

The incident occurred when Perry dipped his shoulder and threw an elbow at Zucker's head, sending him crashing into the corner boards. Zucker stayed down on the ice for about five minutes as he was helped by trainers.

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NHL

Canadiens sink Sens in shootout

Alex Galchenyuk and Lars Eller scored in a shootout Wednesday as the Montreal Canadiens won their fourth straight, 4-3 over the Ottawa Senators.

Eller scored in the first period and Brendan Gallagher and P.K. Subban added power-play goals in the second for Montreal (18-5-4), which played loosely in its first game at home after a five-game road trip.

Mika Zibanejad and Daniel Alfredsson had power-play goals for Ottawa (13-8-6), while Patrick Wiercioch also scored for the Senators, who are 1-2-4 in their last seven. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Chan in charge at worlds

Figure skating. Top Canadian puts shaky season behind him to lead the field after first event in London, Ont.

Canada's Patrick Chan took a huge leap of faith that spanned several American states — and it paid off with a world-record performance and a strong first step toward a third consecutive world figure-skating title.

The 22-year-old from Toronto shattered the world record in winning the short program at the world championships on Wednesday, three weeks after he packed up and moved from Colorado to Detroit in a seemingly desperate measure to turn his shaky season around.

It certainly appears to have worked.

"I started from scratch with a clear mind and a clear body — and I think that was a good choice," Chan said.

Chan scored 93.37 points

Three-peat

A victory this week would make Patrick Chan the first male skater to win three in a row since Russian Alexei Yagudin (1998-2000).

for his elegant performance to music by Rachmaninov, landing a huge quad toe loop in a combination, followed by a clean triple Axel. He had the crowd at London, Ont.'s Budweiser Gardens on its feet long before he finished the final turn of his last spin.

"Exhilarating," said Chan, who shook his fists and then wiped eyes in gleeful disbelief. "I got into my last spin and there was this rush of tingling, just a cold rush through my body. It was amazing, you can only feel that once in a lifetime ... or if you're going to jump off a building."

Denis Ten of Kazakhstan heads into Friday's free skate in second with 91.56 points.

Kevin Reynolds of Coquitlam, B.C., the perennial nation-



Patrick Chan celebrates after the end of his record-breaking performance in the men's short program at the World Figure Skating Championships in London, Ont., on Wednesday night. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

al runner-up to Chan, is third with 85.16. One of the world's biggest jumpers, Reynolds was the only skater in the field to

do two quads — the second one with a wobbly landing — scoring 85.16 points.

Chan topped the world

mark previously held by Japan's Yuzuru Hanyu by more than three points.

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Pairs competition

Duhamel, Radford 2nd after short program

Meagan Duhamel stomped her feet and shook her fists, and then took a running leap into her partner's arms.

Duhamel and Eric Radford laid down a pairs short program Wednesday good enough to leave the Canadians in second place — the highlight thus far of a partnership only three years in the making.

Duhamel, from Lively, Ont., and Radford, from Balmertown, Ont., scored 73.61 points for their virtually flawless skate. Duhamel left the crowd laughing at her exuberant celebration at centre ice.

Tatiana Volosozhar and Maxim Trankov of Russia are the leaders, scoring 75.84. Four-time world champions Aliona Savchenko and Robin Szolkowy of Germany scored 73.47 to leave them third.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	49	14	.778	—
Indiana	40	24	.625	9 1/2
New York	38	23	.623	10
Brooklyn	38	27	.585	12
Chicago	35	28	.556	14
Boston	35	29	.547	14 1/2
Atlanta	35	29	.547	14 1/2
Milwaukee	32	31	.508	17
Toronto	25	40	.385	25
Philadelphia	24	40	.375	25 1/2
Detroit	23	43	.348	27 1/2
Cleveland	22	42	.344	27 1/2
Washington	21	42	.333	28
Orlando	18	47	.277	32
Charlotte	14	50	.219	35 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	49	16	.754	—
Oklahoma City	48	17	.738	1
Memphis	43	19	.694	4 1/2
L.A. Clippers	45	20	.692	4
Denver	43	22	.662	6
Golden State	36	29	.554	13
Houston	35	30	.538	14
L.A. Lakers	34	32	.515	15 1/2
Utah	33	32	.508	16
Dallas	30	33	.476	18
Portland	29	34	.460	19
Minnesota	22	40	.355	25 1/2
New Orleans	22	43	.338	27
Phoenix	22	43	.338	27
Sacramento	22	43	.338	27

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Indiana 107	Minnesota 91
Miami 98	Philadelphia 94
Washington 106	Milwaukee 93
Atlanta 96	L.A. Lakers 92
Boston 112	Toronto 88
Houston 111	Phoenix 81
Oklahoma City 110	Utah 87
Chicago at Sacramento	
New York at Denver	
Detroit at Golden State	
Memphis at L.A. Clippers	
THURSDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern	
Dallas at San Antonio, 8 p.m.	
New York at Portland, 10:30 p.m.	

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt		
Pittsburgh	27	19	8	0	100	78	38		
New Jersey	27	13	9	5	70	77	31		
NY Rangers	25	13	10	2	64	61	28		
NY Islanders	26	11	12	3	77	88	25		
Philadelphia	28	12	15	1	77	87	25		
NORTHEAST DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt		
Montreal	27	18	5	4	88	69	40		
Boston	24	17	4	3	72	53	37		
Ottawa	27	13	8	6	64	58	32		
Toronto	27	15	11	1	81	75	31		
Buffalo	27	10	14	3	70	84	23		

SOUTHEAST DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt		
Carolina	25	15	9	1	79	69	31		
Winnipeg	26	13	11	2	68	76	28		
Tampa Bay	26	11	14	1	88	81	23		
Washington	25	10	14	1	69	76	21		
Florida	27	7	14	6	66	101	20		

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Montreal 4 Ottawa 3 (SO)
New Jersey 5 Philadelphia 2

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Buffalo 3 NY Rangers 1
Vancouver 2 Columbus 1 (SO)
Carolina 4 Washington 0
Pittsburgh 3 Boston 2
Tampa Bay 3 Florida 2
Winnipeg 5 Toronto 2
St. Louis 4 San Jose 2
Anaheim 2 Minnesota 1
Nashville 4 Dallas 0
Edmonton 4 Colorado 0
Phoenix 5 Los Angeles 2
THURSDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
Florida at Boston, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
NY Rangers at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt		
Chicago	26	21	2	3	85	58	45		
St. Louis	26	14	10	2	80	79	30		
Detroit	26	12	9	5	68	66	29		
Nashville	26	11	9	6	58	61	28		
Columbus	27	10	12	5	62	74	25		
NORTHWEST DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt		
Vancouver	25	12	7	6	68	68	30		
Minnesota	25	13	10	2	59	61	28		
Edmonton	26	10	11	5	64	76	25		
Colorado	25	10	11	4	62	73	24		
Calgary	24	9	11	4	64	82	22		

PACIFIC DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt		
Anaheim	25	19	3	3	87	63	41		
Los Angeles	25	14	9	2	73	65	30		
Phoenix	26	13	10	3	77	74	29		
San Jose	25	11	8	6	58	61	28		
Dallas	25	12	11	2	67	71	26		

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Montreal	2	0	0	3	1	6
Columbus	1	1	0	4	2	3
Kansas City	1	1	0	4	3	3
Philadelphia	1	1	0	2	4	3
Houston	1	1	0	2	0	3
Toronto FC	1	1	0	2	2	3
New England	1	0	0	1	0	3
D.C.	1	1	0	1	2	3
New York	0	1	1	4	5	1
Chicago	0	2	0	0	5	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Vancouver	2	0	0	3	1	6
Los Angeles	1	0	0	4	0	3
Chivas USA	1	1	0	3	4	3
Real Salt Lake	1	1	0	2	1	3
FC Dallas	1	1	0	2	3	3
San Jose	1	1	0	2	3	3
Portland	0	1	1	4	5	1
Colorado	0	2	0	1	3	0
Seattle	0	1	0	0	1	0
SATURDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern						
D.C. at New York, 12:30 p.m.						
Chicago at Kansas City, 3 p.m.						
Toronto FC at Montreal, 4 p.m.						
New England at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.						
Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 6 p.m.						
Portland at Seattle, 8 p.m.						

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High standards

Wes Welker caught 118 passes for 1,354 yards and scored six touchdowns last year, helping the Pats go 12-4 and make the AFC title game before they ultimately fell to Baltimore.

- The Broncos are hoping the same relationship blossoms with 37-year-old future Hall of Fame quarterback Peyton Manning and his newest target, Welker, who is 31.

Welker goes from Patriots to Broncos

NFL. A year after signing future Hall of Fame QB, Denver brings in top receiver

Wes Welker is saying goodbye to Tom Brady and hello to Peyton Manning.

After spending six years with Brady in New England, the Pro Bowl receiver agreed to a two-year deal Wednesday to team up with Manning in Denver.

The Welker signing was the highlight of a big day for the Broncos, who once again made a major splash in free agency.

Denver also came to terms on a two-year deal with defensive tackle Terrance Knighton, formerly of Jacksonville, and a one-year contract with linebacker Stewart Bradley, who played with the Cardinals the past two seasons.

Last year, the Broncos won the high-stakes contest to sign Manning, prompting Broncos boss John Elway to quip, "Plan B? I don't have a Plan B. We're going with Plan A."

Coming off a 13-3 season

during which the Broncos looked like a Super Bowl contender before losing to Baltimore in the division round of the playoffs, Elway is clearly on the same path this time.

He picked up the league's most productive receiver to play in the slot where Brandon Stokley was last season. Welker's five 100-catch seasons are the most in the NFL. He has been selected to the Pro Bowl in each of his past five seasons and was an All-Pro four of the past five years.

Although the deal with Welker received a bulk of the attention, the Bradley and Knighton deals could also influence Denver's starting line-ups.

Bradley played last season for Arizona, where he didn't fit in with the team's 3-4 scheme. His best season came in Philadelphia in 2008, when he had 108 tackles. He will compete with Nate Irving and Steven Johnson for Denver's starting middle linebacker spot.

"Obviously, the standards on both sides of the ball are high here," said Bradley. "I think it's a great combination."

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Wes Welker dives for a touchdown while with the New England Patriots during a game against the Jaguars on Dec. 23 in Jacksonville, Fla. Welker signed with the Denver Broncos on Wednesday. MIKE EHLMANN/GETTY IMAGES

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Heat win streak hits 20

Miami Heat centre Chris Andersen, left, battles for a rebound with 76ers forward Lavoy Allen on Wednesday in Philadelphia. LeBron James scored 27 points and the Heat became the fourth team to win at least 20 consecutive games in a season, rallying to beat the 76ers 98-94. MATT SLOCUM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Lakers lose Kobe to ankle injury

The Lakers' push for the playoffs might be without Kobe Bryant for a while.

The Los Angeles star severely sprained his left ankle Wednesday night after missing a game-tying shot in

the closing seconds of a loss to the Atlanta Hawks.

Lakers spokesman John Black said Bryant is out indefinitely, just as a team that underachieved much of the season is playing its best basketball. The 96-92 loss snapped a four-game winning streak and was just Los Angeles' third loss in the last 12 games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UFC. Diaz sticks to the good vs. evil script with Wednesday no-show

Georges St-Pierre played with children and threw signed merchandise into the crowd. His opponent, Nick Diaz, didn't bother to show up.

Short of escorting a senior citizen across the street or donating an organ to a relative in need, St-Pierre couldn't have done much more for his good-guy image at a public workout Wednesday in advance of UFC 158.

And Diaz, whose matchup with GSP at UFC 137 in 2011 was shelved after he failed to show up for news conferences in Toronto and Las Vegas, added to his bad-boy reputation.

The California fighter was slated to show between noon and 1 p.m. at the downtown mall that was host to the workout. St-Pierre was due between 1 and 2 p.m.

Diaz never made it. The only glimpse fans got of him was a side shot on a giant promotional poster overhead and a



Georges St-Pierre speaks to reporters at a public workout Wednesday. NEIL DAVIDSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

close-up of his sneer on a floor-mounted display.

"We're still trying to find him," said Tom Wright, the UFC's director of Canadian operations.

"Maybe he's on Stockton time," he added, referring to Diaz's home in the Stockton-Lodi area of California.

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MLB spring training

Pirates sail past Blue Jays

Mark Buehrle allowed one run while pitching into the fourth inning, but Carlos Paulino lifted the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 5-4 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday with an RBI single

in the 10th inning.

Paulino singled to centre off reliever Tommy Hottovy, who hit two batters in the inning. Buehrle gave up four hits and a walk in 3 2/3 innings. Pirates starter James McDonald went 5 1/3 innings and yielded three runs on five hits and two walks. The right-hander struck out five.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Make your own decisions today and live with the consequences. Nothing bad is going to happen at all but you must be prepared to go out on a limb and risk being the odd one out.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

If someone is giving you a hard time then by all means give them a hard time in return. But make sure you get it right as this is one of those days when too much emotion could lead to costly mistakes.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Someone who claims to be one thing is something else entirely. You are advised to take what they tell you with a large grain of salt, especially if it sounds too good to be true.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Sometimes you are too sensitive for your own good but today you will go to the other extreme. You just cannot be bothered to respond to other people's criticisms.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You need to open your eyes and be aware of the trends that are taking shape. Business and financial matters, in particular, could cause a few problems today so make sure you are in control at all times.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Friends and loved ones don't want to do what you want to do, which is frustrating. Compromise is possible but you must be serious about it. If you fail to deliver on what you promise, it could cause a rift.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Someone wants to undermine your confidence. Don't let them. Keep things in perspective today and, above all, don't let trivial matters, or trivial people, upset you.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Let the world know you are vulnerable. For too long you have given the impression that you are as cold as ice. You're not. You know it's an act. It's time other people knew it too.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Someone has deceived you and, of course, you are not in the least bit happy about it. But no matter how hard done by you feel you must not blow your top. If you do, you will only make matters worse.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You are trying too hard to live up to what other people expect of you. It's what you expect of yourself that matters, nothing more, nothing less. Be yourself, now and always.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You may have made up your mind about a personal matter but you should keep it to yourself for now. The planets indicate that your views will change radically over the next few days. Leave wriggle room.

Pisces

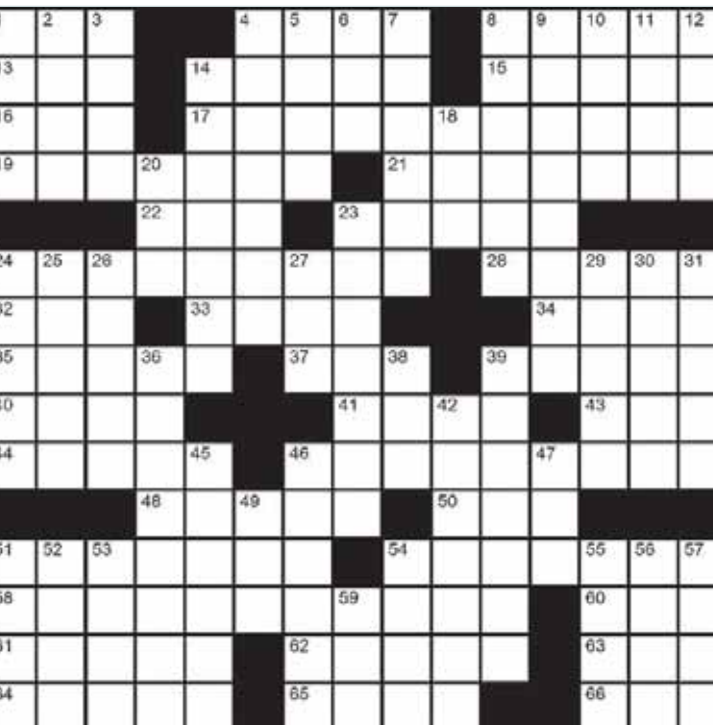
Feb. 20 - March 20

No matter how loudly someone says you are on the wrong track you must ignore them and carry on as before. Even if they are right — and they're not — it doesn't matter. All roads lead to where you need to go. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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- Norway-like feature in Gros Morne National Park, Nfld.
- 'Buff' add-on
- Friend, in Florence
- Keenly interested
- Playboy Mansion's man, for short
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- Get back together
- Mid-afternoon, _ _ _
- UN workers' gr.
- Ms. O'Donnell
- Comedian/actor from Newmarket, ON: 2 wds.
- Its capital is Damascus
- Irish actress Ms. O'Connor
- Nautical ropes
- Director Mr. Howard's
- Jazz singer, Carmen _
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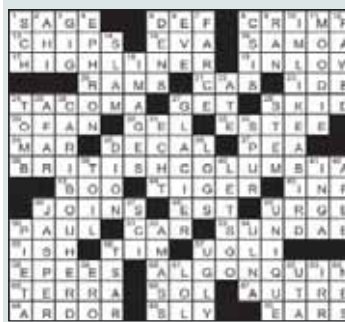


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- Snug
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- Tic-Tac-Toe losing row
- Mr. Schwarzenegger, to fans
- Cordiality
- NFL's Bengals, on scoreboards
- Respond
- Belonging to Axl Rose's rock gr.
- Senators, on scoreboards
- Down
- Wild goat-like animal

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- Bean curd product
- Romantic
- Laugh: French
- Line of work [abbr.]
- PetSmart purchase: 2 wds.
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- (1986)
- Thornfield Hall governess: 2 wds.
- Decorative curved arch
- Harvest
- Play like Ringo
- Running-behind person's query, " _ _ _ ?"
- Oh's partners
- Mr. Cage, to pals
- Closes again
- Extra large
- Acquire, as debt
- Seine tributary in France
- "Video Games" singer: Lana Del _
- Was using oars
- Hole- _ _
- Actor Ed
- East Coast ocean
- Dangerous fly, when doubled
- "_ & Hutch" (2004)
- Anticipates
- Clandestine
- Car safety feature
- TLC's "What _ to Wear"
- "Gosh."
- Red Hot Chili Peppers song: " _ Tissue"
- Father: French
- Resort town in Sicily
- Movie genre, Film _
- "The _-Motion" by Little Eva
- Leave
- Elvis Presley hit: " _ Be Cruel"
- Alphabet sequence

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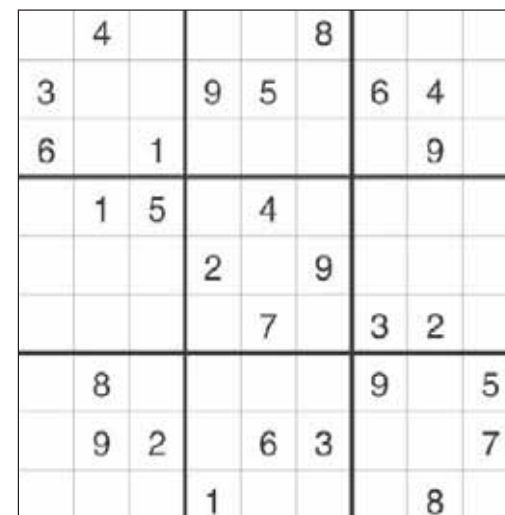


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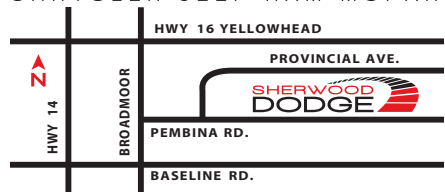
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